

Public ISSUE STATEMENTS	
BRUNEAU	SNAKE RIVER BIRDS OF PREY NCA
VEGETATION	
<p>Balance livestock grazing, recreation and other allowable uses to provide for native plant communities, watershed health, soil stability, wildlife habitats and special status species. Fire management, including fuels treatments, need to protect wildland, urban and rural interfaces and the existing native habitats. Fire use and other management tools need to be considered for enhancement and restoration of native plant communities. Rehabilitation considers use of native and adapted non-native plants as appropriate.</p> <p><i>Balance means that appropriate management opportunities will be applied to minimize conflicts between uses and resource values.</i></p>	<p>Loss of native shrub/perennial bunchgrass habitat has resulted in a decline of the raptor prey base, influencing some raptor populations. Livestock grazing, military training, and other human uses have an effect on soil stability and watershed health. Existing land use plans do not adequately address the protection, enhancement and restoration of native plant communities (sagebrush, salt desert shrub) that provide unfragmented core habitat for dependent plant and animal species. Livestock grazing, recreation, and other uses may be impacting water quality and riparian habitat conditions. Fire management, including fuels treatments, need to protect the existing native habitats, wildland, and urban and rural interfaces. Fire use and other management tools need to be considered for enhancement and restoration of native plant communities. Rehabilitation considers use of native and adapted non-native plants as appropriate.</p>
SOCIO ECONOMIC	
<p>Current land use and recreation trends may affect traditional uses* and values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How does BLM manage public lands for sustainable use and resource health in order to maintain the custom, culture and economic health of local communities?</li> <li>- How can emerging activities and traditional uses be managed in order to maintain the sustainable use and resource health that supports local economies?</li> </ul> <p>Recreational use of public lands increases counties' infrastructure costs. What actions can BLM take to minimize adverse effects on local communities and governmental entities?</p>	<p>Current land use and recreation trends may affect traditional uses* and values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How does BLM manage public lands for sustainable use and resource health in order to maintain the custom, culture and economic health of local communities?</li> <li>S How can emerging activities and traditional uses be managed in order to maintain the sustainable use and resource health that supports local economies?</li> </ul> <p>Recreational use of public lands increases counties' infrastructure costs. What actions can BLM take to minimize adverse effects on local communities and governmental entities?</p>

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TRIBAL AND CULTURAL VALUES	
<p>Historical, tribal and cultural values may be affected by a variety of land use activities</p> <p>The Shoshone-Paiute and Shoshone-Bannock tribes consider the area part of their aboriginal homelands and want to continue to have access to the land for ceremonial and religious purposes, as well as hunting, fishing and gathering.</p> <p>At times, current management conflicts with both tangible and intangible Native American interests; therefore, the RMP needs to address the protection of cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, including plants, wildlife, sacred places, water**, etc.</p> <p>Tribal governments are sovereign nations which have special status through treaties, statutes, and executive orders that must be honored and protected.</p>	<p>Historical, tribal and cultural values may be affected by a variety of land use activities</p> <p>The Shoshone-Paiute and Shoshone-Bannock tribes consider the area part of their aboriginal homelands and want to continue to have access to the land for ceremonial and religious purposes, as well as hunting, fishing and gathering.</p> <p>At times, current management conflicts with both tangible and intangible Native American interests; therefore, the RMP needs to address the protection of cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, including plants, wildlife, sacred places, water**, etc.</p> <p>Tribal governments are sovereign nations which have special status through treaties, statutes, and executive orders that must be honored and protected.</p>
RECREATION	
<p>Demand for recreational opportunities in SW Idaho is increasing.</p> <p>There is a need to provide for recreation use while addressing the associated impacts to other resources and conflicts with other uses.</p> <p>BLM needs to provide reasonable recreational access consistent with private property rights and a range of recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>Demand for recreational opportunities in SW Idaho is increasing.</p> <p>There is a need to manage recreation use in a manner compatible with the protection and enhancement of raptor populations and their habitats.</p> <p>BLM needs to provide reasonable recreational access consistent with private property rights and a range of recreational opportunities. ***</p>
GRAZING	
<p>Livestock grazing is an important component of multiple use management. Livestock grazing practices need to be compatible with a sustainable environment for vegetation, wildlife and fish as well as providing sustained economic benefit to local communities.</p>	<p>Livestock grazing is an important component of multiple use management. Livestock grazing practices need to be compatible with a sustainable environment for vegetation, wildlife and fish as well as providing sustained economic benefit to local communities.</p>
WILDLIFE	
<p>Human uses affect wildlife populations. How can aquatic, riparian and upland habitat be managed to support healthy, sustainable wildlife populations?</p>	<p>Is management of the NCA consistent with the protection and enhancement of raptor populations and their habitat?</p>

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LAND AND REALTY	
<p>The planning area consists of scattered tracts of intermingled ownerships which present challenges for management and use of public resources.</p> <p>Purchases, sales and exchanges should consider economic, environmental, cultural, economic and social resource values.</p> <p>An increasing demand for road, utility and communication services impacts public lands and users</p> <p>Where can utility corridors be located to prevent or lessen resource degradation caused by proliferation of rights-of-way?</p>	<p>The planning area consists of scattered tracts of intermingled ownerships and a confusing boundary which presents challenges for management and use of public resources.</p> <p>Purchases and exchanges should consider environmental, cultural, economic and social resource values.</p> <p>An increasing demand for road, utility and communication services impacts public lands and users.</p> <p>Where can utility corridors be located to prevent or lesson resource degradation caused by proliferation of rights-of-way?</p>
SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS	
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NATIONAL GUARD	
<p><i>None.</i></p>	<p>Military activities need to be conducted in a way that is consistent with the protection and enhancement of raptor populations and their habit.</p> <p>BLM may receive future requests to authorize new types or increased levels of use.</p> <p>Areas potentially affected by hazardous materials or unexploded ordnance should be evaluated for possible withdrawal to the Department of Defense.</p> <p>A withdrawal would not change the use of the area, but would transfer the liability for clean up and remediation to the agency responsible for the problem.</p>

\* The group requested that BLM define traditional uses: grazing, minerals, farming, etc., as identified by past+/- 60 years use.

\*\* There was some discussion about how to interpret the reference to water—whether the reference was to water rights, water quality, or some other distinction about which the BLM may or may not be able to influence. The group agreed that BLM would seek this clarification and potential (or not) revision at a subsequent Wings and Roots meeting among the Tribe and the BLM. (Done 9/20/02 - Tribes mean “water” in the broadest sense including quality and necessity for life)

\*\*\*BLM asked to provide for a definition of “reasonable” either in the definitions or via a footnote to explain that it does not necessarily mean convenient or condemnation but consistent with a prudent person’s approach.